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Budget recommendations need Regents approval

By SARA SITZMAN
MANAGING EDITOR

Students and teachers could be seeing increases this year. Some will see it in their tuition while others in their paychecks.

Missouri higher education institutions were informed July 11 that five percent will be withheld from state appropriations and 10 percent withheld from one-time capital appropriations.

For Northwest, a five-percent decrease in appropriations equals \$1,458,577. However, Gov. Bob Holden vetoed \$94,149 before the budget cut, resulting in a loss of \$1,552,726.

Provost Taylor Barnes said the Dean's Cabinet met to discuss what the University would do to shoulder the cost. This measure will be put before the Board of Regents for approval July 26.

"It was a collaborative effort," Barnes said. The strategy is to bear the shortfall in three ways. From the University's reserves, \$500,000 will be used.

To gain \$425,000, the University will add a surcharge of \$5 for each credit hour. The surcharge will not go into effect until January 2002.

"We don't want to make an immediate change with three weeks before their first bill is due," Barnes said. "We wanted to do everything we possibly could to lessen the state's impact on the students."

The remaining \$627,726 will come from reductions in non-personal expenditures. According to President Dean Hubbard, these would include delayed filling of administrative vacancies, reduction in overtime and extra compensation, a case-by-case re-evaluation of all temporary positions at the end of contracted time, and similar cuts across other administrative units.

Barnes said each University organization is going to have to evaluate their particular area.

"Each supervisor is kind of going to have to look at their operation to identify opportunities to be more efficient," Barnes said. "There are some areas that won't have as many opportunities as other areas."

The Cabinet will also recommend including a two-percent increase in salary for University faculty and staff. Vice President of Finance Ray Courter said this increase is a cost of living allowance. The two-percent increase is equivalent to \$492,310.

Barnes said the salary increase helps Northwest remain competitive in the overall market.

"We have really outstanding faculty and staff and we want to be able to continue to provide top quality instruction and support to our students," Barnes said.

Faculty and staff will be receiving their contracts beginning July 27 if the Board approves the recommendations.

Because the 10-percent capital appropriations are being withheld, construction will be delayed once again for the DeLuce Fine Arts Building, Courter said that these funds were held last year and are resulting in the loss of purchasing power due to inflation.

"The potential is there that we could have lost several hundred thousand dollars," Courter said.

While financial burdens are being attended to for this year, there is a possibility the following year's budget will be in the same situation.

"It does seem from economic indicators, both national and at the state level, that the potential is certainly possible," Courter said.

Because of this knowledge, Hubbard said processes outlined in the Faculty Handbook will be used to analyze additional saving measures.

"We have the luxury of the time over the course of this year to be thoughtful," Courter said.

While money may be tight for Northwest, there is no need for despair.

"There's no doom and gloom," Barnes said. "This is a great time for Northwest. We will continue to focus on our strengths, preparing students for their future. Retention rates are at an all-time high. Placement rates are at an all-time high."

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Fair Queen to ride in parade

By JANA HANSON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

A Nodaway County fair would not be complete without a fair queen. This year's queen is Jamie Slaten of Burlington Jct. Slaten is the daughter of Rich and Sheryl Slaten. She is a senior at West Nodaway and is planning to attend Northwest in the fall.

Slaten entered her first competition her sophomore year where she met and competed against Carrie Stiens and Krista Lane, both competitors in this year's pageant. Slaten said both Stiens and Lane were tough competitors and she felt the judges had a hard decision to make.

Each contestant was judged on talent, modeling, and how they answered questions. Slaten performed a musical piece she composed on her xylophone. The song was a combination

of her own music with music of Beethoven and Bach. Slaten was asked if she could meet President George W. Bush what one thing would she talk to him about?

Slaten said, "If I had the opportunity, I would talk to him about family farms in rural America. It's getting harder every year for family farmers to stay in operation because of the high cost of fuel, high interest rates for loans, higher taxes on land and unpredictable weather. The farmers are the backbone of America and they are vital to keep the balance of trade steady."

Slaten will be riding in the fair parade and helping with other fair responsibilities. Slaten feels that as queen, it is her responsibility to be a good role model for younger children.

"I have now accomplished one of my childhood dreams," Slaten said. "Hopefully by my being a good role model, I will help others accomplish theirs."

Slaten said her advice to Nodaway County youth is to always follow your heart because whenever your opportunity comes around, it only comes around once.

"I feel honored to have been chosen as queen," Slaten said. "And now I have the opportunity to go on to the state fair in Sedalia."

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Miss Nodaway County, Jamie Slaten, hands out ribbons for those who placed in the swine show. Handing out ribbons is just one of the duties associated with being fair queen.

PHOTO BY S. CHEYENNE SHAFFER/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Council votes for cell tower despite concern

By MARJIE KOSMAN
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Maryville City Council approved the building of a cellular phone tower on West Ninth Street, despite protests from neighbors and Northwest.

The 213-foot tower is being built in a residential area, where structures are normally restricted to 35 feet or smaller and required a special use permit to begin construction.

Northwest Missouri Cellular had received permission from the city's zoning board and needed to gain approval from the Council.

The Council held a public hearing at its regular meeting Monday where Linda Lajcak, who lives on West Fourth Street, expressed concern about the tower's construction.

"We're trying to improve our neighborhood. What's this tower going to do for the neighborhood?" she asked Councilman Brad Lager, who is also general manager of Northwest Missouri Cellular.

Although Lager abstained from voting on the issue, he did answer questions from Lajcak and Jon Rickman, who spoke for the University.

The tower may be in the way of signals the University plans to send to Mazingo Park when an outdoor astronomy lab is built there.

"We believe we can make something work, but we're concerned about the speed that we can get it to work at," Rickman said.

Northwest Missouri Cellular has offered to let the University attach an antennae to the tower at no cost.

"We're leaving the door open," Lager said. "They are more than welcome to place their antennae on our tower."

Northwest Missouri Cellular is leasing the property from the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and giving them money to finish paving the parking lot the tower will be located in.

Lajcak wonders how the neighborhood will be affected by the new structure.

"There're a lot of college kids that like to party and have a good time," Lajcak said. "What happens when someone gets hurt?"

Along with safety, Lajcak is concerned with the aesthetics of the neighborhood.

"I just don't think we need to have this in our backyard," she said. "We have enough junk in there now."

Lajcak presented her concerns and was surprised that the Council made a decision so quickly.

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Local couple fostering a family, home of love

By T. JUSTIN ROSS
CHIEF REPORTER

Sunday is national Parents' Day. Having children is typical in the average adult's life, that sometimes people forget but there is another type of parenthood. Many couples choose to become foster parents or even adopt a child as their own. Ron and Amy Mathias of Maryville are one such couple.

Ron and Amy met in 1989 while in the military at a base in Adak, Alaska. Once married, they chose to move to Maryville because they had family close by and they liked the community.

Ron took a job as a caseworker at the Maryville Treatment Center, and Amy became a Correction's Officer at the Treatment Center, which she is about to leave to become a Social Worker for the Cameron school district.

After learning that they could not conceive children naturally, they decided to adopt. They began going through the tedious process necessary to be able to legally become a child's parent. This process included thousands of dollars in legal and administration fees, taking numerous classes dealing with the psychology of becoming a parent of an adopted child and then finally fostering a child.

The Mathiases became foster parents to a little girl for only a few months before her biological father

was found and regained custody. Then, in January 2001, the Department of Family Services contacted them and told them that they had found two little boys in need of a foster home. Ron and Amy accepted the invitation and soon Zac and George became the newest edition to the Mathias family.

Although Ron and Amy are still foster parents to the boys and have not been able to legally adopt them, all that stands in their way is for a judge to terminate the biological parents' parental rights. The case has already gone before a court and the Mathiases are currently waiting for a decision.

Ron and Amy said that although the road to adoption is a long hard one, in the end it is worth it for the parents as well as the kids.

"The classes really make you look at the good and the bad of parenting an adopted child," Ron said.

Amy said that one thing that she has learned from parenting in general is when to get upset and when not to.



Ron and Amy Mathias wait anxiously for the court to rule on the parental rights of their two foster children. The Mathias have cared for the boys since January 2001.

PHOTO BY S. CHEYENNE SHAFFER/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

"You have to pick your battles," she said. "Not everything is worth fighting for."

Ron said that kids really bring out the best and the worst in a person.

"They are a real big mirror image of yourself," Ron said. "They absolutely reflect your actions, both good and bad."

If all goes well, Ron and Amy Mathias will soon be Zac and George's new parents, and, although their journey as foster parents will be over, their journey of parenting is only beginning.

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Nodaway County Fair schedule



Thursday:
■ 6:30 p.m.: Livestock Auction at Community Building
■ 7 p.m.: Fair Brawl III at Main Stage
■ 7-9 p.m.: Community of Faith Gospel Band at Fourth and Main streets

Friday:
■ 8 a.m.: 4-H exhibits
■ 5-6:15 p.m.: Little Mr. and Miss contest at Main Stage
■ 6:30 p.m.: Super Farmer Contest at Main Stage
■ 8:30 p.m.: Brinnon and Marks at Main Stage
■ 9-11:30 p.m.: Teen dance, Fourth and Market streets

Saturday:
■ 10:30 a.m.: Summertime in the Heartland parade
■ After parade antique tractor show at Third Street
■ 11:45 a.m.- 12:15 p.m.: Pedal Pull at Main Stage
■ 4 p.m.: Firefighters Muster at Fifth and Main
■ 4:45 p.m.: Heather's School of Dance performs at Main Stage
■ 5 p.m.: Motorcycle Show at Third Street
■ 6 p.m.: Fair Queen at Main Stage
■ 6:45 p.m.: Kiss the pig contest at Main Stage
■ 8:30 p.m.: Fox Brothers Band at Main Stage
■ 10:30 p.m.- midnight: Street dance at Main Stage

Sunday:
■ 8 a.m.: 10th Annual Fair Day Run/Walk at the National Guard Armory

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Marching Auxiliary Camp ■ Boys' Day Basketball Camp, grades second through sixth ■ Nodaway County 4-H/FFA Jr. Livestock Show ■ Nodaway County Fair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Marching Auxiliary Camp ■ Nodaway County Fair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Marching Auxiliary Camp ■ Nodaway County Fair ■ Atchison County 4-H Special Activities Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Oremo 4-H Horse Show, Mound City Rodeo Arena ■ Parents' Day ■ Dance Camp
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Dance Camp ■ Breast Cancer Support Group, noon, First Christian Church room 106 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Worth County 4-H Achievement Day, Grant City ■ Dance Camp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ St. James Day (Spain) ■ Student Payday ■ Dance Camp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Board of Regents Meeting, 1 p.m. ■ Commencement ■ Worth County Livestock Show, Grant City

And the winner is ...



PHOTO BY T. JUSTIN ROSS/CHIEF REPORTER

Acting City Manager Matt Chesnut watches as Martha Clark congratulates Syd Weybrew, Northwest ornamental specialist, for helping to receive the Communitree Award Friday. MoDOT Area Engineer Shaw Soehren looks over the award. The award was earned by Northwest, the City of Maryville and MoDOT.

PUBLIC SAFETY

July 13
■ An officer received a report of a fight in the 200 block of West Ninth. Upon arrival, William G. Grace, 28, McCook, Neb., and Robert T. Grace, 25, North Platte, Neb., were issued summonses for disorderly conduct and transported to Nodaway County Jail in lieu of bond.

July 14
■ Officers responded to an unattended death in the 300 block of Park Avenue.

■ Officers received a report of a peace disturbance in the 300 block of East Fifth. Upon arrival, Anne M. Ensminger, 20, Maryville, was issued a summons for minor in possession.

■ While on patrol, an officer received a report of a vehicle with possible underage drinkers. The vehicle was stopped in the 100 block of East Sixth. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Jeffrey L. Nauman, 23, Mound City. While speaking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests which he could not complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood al-

cohol content tested over the legal limit. Jeffrey S. Meyer, 18, Maryville, Abby N. Swinford, 17, Maryville, Thomas J. Endicott, 17, Maryville, and Ashley N. Lemm, 17, Maryville, were issued summonses for minor in possession and open container in a vehicle.

■ While on patrol in the 400 block of North Water, an officer observed a vehicle with a man lying in the hatchback, traveling east on East Fourth. The vehicle was stopped in the 400 block of North Charles. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Clayton M. Leonard, 20, Creston, Iowa. While speaking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests which he could not complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood al-

■ While on patrol on North Vine, officers observed a passenger in the vehicle with what appeared to be a beer bottle. The vehicle was stopped in the 400 block of East Jenkins. Julie A. Godsey, 21, Maryville, was issued a summons for open container in a vehicle.

■ While on patrol in the 1000 block of East First, an officer observed a motorcycle with the passenger and driver were not wearing helmets. The vehicle was stopped in the 1200 block of East First. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Tyler J. Martin, 28, Kansas City. He was issued a summons for operating a motorcycle without a helmet.

■ An officer served a Maryville municipal warrant on Melissa N. Eckstein, 22, Maryville, for failure to appear. She was issued a summons for wanted on warrant and released after posting bond.

July 15
■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that someone was looking in her windows in the 400 block of South Main. Ricardo Padron, 29, Maryville, was issued a summons for disorderly conduct and was transported to Nodaway County Jail where he was held on a 20-hour investigative hold.

■ While in a parking lot in the 600 block of South Main, an officer observed a male individual drink from what appeared to be a beer bottle. The male individual was identified as Zachary L. Churchill, 21, Maryville. He was issued a summons for open container in a vehicle.

■ An officer received a report from a Maitland male that someone had slashed the tires on his vehicle while it was parked in the 1700 block of South Main.

■ Eugene B. Pritchett, Maryville, parked his vehicle in a private parking lot, when it rolled back, striking a wall. He was issued a citation for no valid operator's license.

■ Joseph T. Mendez, 15, Rea, was stopped on East Second. Leah D. Koger, 19, Clearmont, was traveling south on North Main. Mendez entered the intersection, striking Koger. Mendez was issued citations for careless and imprudent driving and no valid license.

BIRTHS

Earl Thomas Jackson
Erin and Charyti Jackson are the parents of Earl Thomas Jackson, born July 11 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 8 pounds and joins one sister, Tyanna.

His maternal grandparents are Leonard and Karen Sibbit, Trenton. His paternal grandparents are Wendell and Joan Jackson, Redding, Iowa. His maternal great-grandparent is Blanch Sibbit, Trenton, and

paternal great-grandparents are Cleo and Regina Lynch, Maloy, Iowa.

Shelley Dawn Booher

Ron Booher and Bridgette Hamilton are the parents of Shelley Dawn Booher, born July 11 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds and 5 ounces, and joins one brother, Chancellor.

Her maternal grandparents are Dale and Pamela Wendle, Maryville, and Bill and Cheryl Hamilton, Mt. Moriah. Her paternal grandparents are Luella and the late James Booher, Ridgeway. Maternal great-grandparents are Erma and the late Dale Hamilton, Gilman City, Marvin and Roberta Willis, Cainsville, and Jerry and Etta Antle, Bethany. Paternal great-grandparents are Harold and Lavina England, Gallatin.

Kaleb Andrew Long

Matt and Ashleigh Long are the parents of Kaleb Andrew Long, born July 12 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 6 pounds and 9 ounces, and joins one brother, Gage.

His maternal grandparents are David Vinzant, Maryville, and Jennifer and Kirby Tunell, Pickering. His paternal grandparents are Linda and Verlin Long, Maitland. Maternal great-grandparents are Winnie Burns, Maryville, and Dorothy and the late Rollie Vinzant, Maryville. Paternal great-grandparents are Dean and Eva Peter, Skidmore, and Imo and the late Verle Long, Graham.

DEATHS

William James "Bill" O'Riley

William James "Bill" O'Riley, 80, died July 10 at his home in Maryville.

He was born Aug. 15, 1920, to Francis and Margaret O'Riley in Skidmore.

He is survived by his wife, Jane; two brothers, Robert O'Riley and Paul O'Riley; three sisters, Mary Gowney, Margaret Merrigan, and Pat Briles, and nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at St. Gregory's Catholic Church with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Gregory's Catholic Church.

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MY VIEW

Reporter thankful for University's film opportunity



T. JUSTIN ROSS
CHIEF REPORTER

When the time came for me to begin thinking about which college I wanted to attend, I was experiencing a bit of a dilemma. Although I liked Northwest, I felt that its curriculum just could not provide me with the education that I desired. At the time, I was fairly sure that I wanted to study filmmaking and not only did Northwest not offer a degree in the subject, but upon researching, not a single class could be found regarding the subject.

So, between my junior and senior years in high school, my father and I traveled to the East Coast where we toured and shook the outstretched hands of many a film school. What I found was discouraging. Although these schools were quick to boast about their extensive hands-on training, that was about all they had to offer.

The majority of these "film schools" used a conservatory approach to education, as opposed to a liberal arts approach that Northwest and most other universities use. What this means is that while most universities require around half of the classes students take to be general education courses and half related to their major and minor, these conservatory schools only require 25 percent or less of the classes one takes to be general education courses and 75 percent to be of one's major. What upset me about this system is that I wanted to go to college to become educated, and not just trained in the specific aspects of my career. That, I felt, was what graduate school was for.

Most of the "film schools" I looked at were very large, very expensive and exerted many traits that one might consider "snooty." I had seen enough. I returned to Maryville determined to find a way to get the education and college experience I desired and somehow become trained in filmmaking.

The one thing I could see that Northwest had along the lines of filmmaking was a student-produced TV show called VINCI. VINCI is composed of student-made movies. The more I looked into this, the more I liked what I saw. Faculty and veteran VINCI movie makers advised students that also took it upon themselves to study filmmaking independently.

It soon occurred to me that this show not only provided aspiring filmmakers with an enormous amount of freedom, but with a medium to showcase their work as well. I was sold.

I enrolled at Northwest, and after taking the prerequisite class, I jumped right into TV practicum and VINCI. By the end of my first semester with VINCI, I had already created a 30-minute movie from the ground up.

Now, after completing my sophomore year at Northwest, I have three 30-minute movies to my name and have gained an enormous amount of knowledge about the art of filmmaking. The average film school student would have just now finished a single five to 10-minute black and white film.

My point is that sometimes the smaller institution may contain opportunities for education that are sometimes overlooked.

This is not only the case for the arts, such as filmmaking, but one's overall education in general. Sometimes a larger institution's name and reputation overshadow a potential student's opinion about the education that it can provide. Many students never take into account such aspects as the student to faculty ratio, class sizes and safety, all things that contribute to one's quality of education greatly.

The population of students also directly contributes to one's college experience. With a larger student population, it is easier for one to just become a number, and to take a more passive role in college life. However, at a smaller institution, there is a greater chance for students to get involved in organizations and take on leadership roles.

I have found out first hand that the size of an institution doesn't necessarily precipitate quality in education, and in my case I can not think of a better university to spend my years as an undergraduate. Sometimes, if one looks hard enough, opportunities can be found in the least likely of places, and it's those kind of unrecognized opportunities that are the best.

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YOUR VIEW

What do you like the most about the Nodaway County Fair?



"Little Mr./Miss Pageant."
Becky Michels
Maryville resident



"The dances."
Steve Marriott
Burlington Jct. resident



"The rides."
Caitlin Vandiver
Maryville resident



"The rides, the cool games and hanging out with my friends."
Ashley Hunt
Maryville resident



"The rides."
Joel Merritt
Broadcasting major

OUR VIEW

Medical Miracles

With technological advances, people are living longer lives, bringing concern over ethical issues.

The first artificial heart that is fully contained in the body was implanted in a 50-year-old man July 2. The heart, made out of titanium and plastic, is expected to expand the man's life span by two months. He had been diagnosed to die within 30 days before the operation.

The artificial heart is just the latest in a wave of ever-changing technology in the medical field. Medicine has grown by leaps and bounds since the age of house calls and a family doctor. There are now specialists for every condition, artificial organs, prescription drugs available online and even robotic surgery.

In development are the artificial pancreas, spinal disc, lung, knee and kidney. Scientists are also working on ways for the blind to see and the deaf to hear.

Someday, a doctor will not even need to be in the same city to perform an operation. Through fiber optics and tiny cameras, the surgeon will be able to perform surgery from miles away, using a robot.

These technological advances are amazing and the thought of what's to come is staggering. But is it possible to have too much technology? Will our quest for the latest and greatest get out of control?

Artificial organs can save hundreds of lives. But where does helping people end and playing God begin? How many parts of someone's body can be fake for him to still be considered human? Even with a new, but fake, heart, the patient will spend the rest of his life having to recharge his heart every four hours. He will also be restricted to activities less strenuous than low-key hiking. Some people would not consider this existence much of a life.

Technology is not only providing more ways of treating illnesses, but more ways to find out about those treatments.

With so much information available on the Internet, patients are finding it easier to research their symptoms, diagnose themselves and find a treatment. The information superhighway can be a wonderful tool to gain knowledge, but it can also be dangerous. No one should diagnose an illness or disease but a professional. Doctors go to medical school for a reason.

Buying prescription drugs over the Internet can be a potentially fatal mistake. The drugs could be counterfeit or the wrong strength. And without a doctor to do an exam and history, lethal drug interactions could occur.

Although technology has opened the doors to a wealth of knowledge and a plethora of new options, it must be used with caution. Abuse of technology can lead to a dependency on it. Life-threatening diseases of the past are slowly losing strength, but technological advances will never make a physician obsolete. It will always be necessary to consult a professional with years of training, not a machine.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cheese not the most important editorial topic

Thank you for publishing Scott Phillips' hard-hitting analysis about cheese. It was full of trenchant insights. I cried. Rarely has a Missourian op/ed column been used to tackle such an important issue as the prevalence of cheese advertising and its vexing impact upon American society as a whole.

I applaud Mr. Phillips for his attention to detail. I loved the way he brilliantly weaved in pop-cultural references to rap videos ('40's of CHEESE! Ha! I laughed for days! *How drole!*) with a biting, sardonic tone and clear presentation of the hard-hitting news about the inherent danger of America's cultural cheese obsession. I suggest that this article be utilized as a representative sample, if not the centerpiece, of the body of work that synthesizes Northwest student passion for quality and diversity in the all-important University-wide race to acquire and secure prestigious awards. We are smart. Give us cash.

I am certainly glad that the Northwest Missourian eschewed such fodder as the impending arms escalation (Missile Defense Shield) between the Bush administration and all other, poorer nations of limited resources across the globe and instead showcased an article about cheese and cartoons. It would have been silly to present an informed, educated opinion about pertinent social issues such as tax cuts, school reform, or even challenges to traditional notions of marriage and what that may portend for constitutional amendments in America. Yes, the decision to write and publish doggerel about cheese was clearly the best use of space for your newspaper.

I support last-minute beat-the-deadline ramblings of a clever, if not brilliant, wordsmith such as Mr. Phillips. His article reflected the best of what college students across the nation can think and write. Its stunning clarity, hard-hitting facts, and tightly-honed thesis are indubitably a credit to research-based mandatory writing courses which offer no room for independent thought crafting which Northwest offers. It is likely that essays and argumentation writing in such classes would indeed fail to inculcate within its' student body the same thirst for argument, literature, and current events which research projects do.

I hope Mr. Phillips continues to write about cheese, and I look forward to reading even more about it on the pages of your quality publication.

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Indoor miniature golf new Maryville attraction

Survey results indicating need for entertainment in Maryville inspires couple to open all-ages miniature golf course and arcade

By APRIL WARNEMUNDE
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

It seems there are more holes in Maryville now due to Kurt and Debbie Lawson. However, no complaints will be heard by any of the townspeople. The Lawsons have brought a much-needed entertainment center to Maryville.

Hole-In-One is a new miniature golf and arcade center located at 216 W. Third. It opened Saturday, with the idea that there was a shortage of things to do in Maryville.

After survey results done by University students said that there was not enough to do in Maryville, the Lawsons took it upon themselves to create the perfect entertainment idea. The students mainly wanted a miniature golf course, so that is what they made.

"We have always wanted to start a business of our own, so this was a good opportunity," Debbie said.

They have created an 18-hole indoor miniature golf course with many obstacles including mechanical movements on some of the

"We are trying to target everyone, because miniature golf is something that anyone can enjoy, whether you are a college student or senior citizen."

DEBBIE LAWSON
HOLE-IN-ONE OWNER

courses. There is also an arcade inside with several different games to play, and still more coming. There is a complete concession stand with candy bars, pop, bottled water and more.

A single game is \$3.25, and there are discount rates for groups over ten people of \$2.75 per game, and groups over 20 are \$2.25 per game.

Right now they are expanding the center and building a large room in the back that can be available for birthday parties, wedding

receptions, or any special occasion. There are also two smaller rooms in the front of the building that are ready to be reserved and are great for birthdays, Debbie said.

"We are trying to target everyone, because miniature golf is something that anyone can enjoy, whether you are a college student or senior citizen," Debbie said.

This will be a great opportunity for Academy students at Northwest or college students who really can not get into the bar scene, Debbie said. However, there will also be something for older citizens of Maryville to do as well.

Hole-In-One is going to have a senior citizens' special on the off-nights of bowling leagues. This way all there is no interference to regularly scheduled activities.

Hole-In-One is open Monday through Thursday from 3-9 p.m., Friday from 3-10 p.m., Saturday from 1-10 p.m. and Sunday 1-7 p.m.

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Christopher Mace watches his friend, Jason Partridge, sink his putt at the Hole-in-One miniature golf course. The course and arcade opened Saturday in Maryville.

Council okays cellular tower

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"It's sad what happened and that students had to see that this is how our government works," she said.

The special use permit was approved in a 3 to 1 vote. Voting no was Councilman Ron Moss who wanted to table the issue until a written plan to work with the University was presented and to give Northwest time to evaluate the site.

"I know Councilman Moss and some others were interested in a written statement," Lager said. "We're going to go ahead and do that to put their minds at ease."

Moss also asked why a tower could not be built outside city limits.

"In order to provide better service to our customers, we need to go where they are," Lager said. "We have quite a density around the University."

Northwest Missouri Cellular's current tower is now working at maximum capacity, Lager said.

Construction on the tower will begin in about two weeks and customers will see improved service in three to four months, Lager said.

"We'll do everything we can to make this as easy as possible for everyone," Lager said.

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School Board approves bid, resignations, hirings

The Maryville School Board approved the 2001-02 proposed budget Wednesday evening.

The Board also approved bids for the following: Roberts Dairy to provide dairy products and calcium-based juice; Wonder Bread for bread products; Gray Oil Company for diesel fuel, and Consumers Oil Company for unleaded gasoline.

The resignations of Sue Nickerson, attendance/activities secretary, and Kelly Reichert, paraprofessional for special education, were approved.

The Board voted yes in favor of hiring the following people for the 2001-02 school year: Mary Louise Deen, part-time food service worker at Maryville High School; Barb Gard, part-time cashier at Maryville High School; Tammy Small, part-time food service worker at Maryville Middle School; Rhonda Adamson, full-time cook at Maryville Middle School; Lisa Throm, part-time parent educator; Stephen Kibler, English/speech teacher, forensics/debate coach, co-drama sponsor and spring musical co-director; Jason Melnick, graduate resident, assistant girls' basketball coach, and head girls' track coach; Mark A. Anderson, graduate resident, head cross country coach and Stuart Collins, head boys' and girls' soccer coach.

Construction continues throughout Highway 71

By JANA HANSON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Loch Sand and Construction recently broke ground on U.S. Highway 71 after Missouri Department of Transportation granted them three contracts earlier this year. Loch's will be reconstructing part of U.S. Highway 71 from the Rosendale (state Highway 48) intersection to Maryville.

Loch's received the job over four other bidders. The bid for the section from the county line to Pumpkin Center was \$3.96 million, where Loch's will be responsible for the dirt and bridgework.

The company will be paving from state Highway 48 to Pumpkin Center. The bid for this job was \$8.46 million, and the last bid for the grade work from Pumpkin Center to the south edge of Maryville was \$2.9 million.

According to Robert Loch Jr., the work is moving at a fairly steady pace.

"Now that the weather has straightened out, we are at a high

level of production, but I would not say we are to the maximum level of production at this point," Loch said. "The rainfall is already 13 inches ahead of last year, therefore production has been limited."

Loch's has approximately 155 employees and Loch estimated that the company has 60-70 workers on the Highway 71 project. Members of these crews include: project managers Jerry Wilson, Ed Menefee and Mike Luke; superintendents Jeff Wilson, Ed Wallace and Bill Jenkins, and foremen Marty Wilmes, Jim Johanson, and Tom Gibson.

Loch said he was not sure when the project will be completed at this point, there is still a portion of the project that is subject to bid for the paving from Pumpkin Center to Maryville that should be granted to a company in late fall or early spring.

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Steam fills the air as work on Highway 71 progresses. Loch Sand and Construction are working on the highway expansion that runs from Maryville to St. Joseph. Construction will continue through next year.

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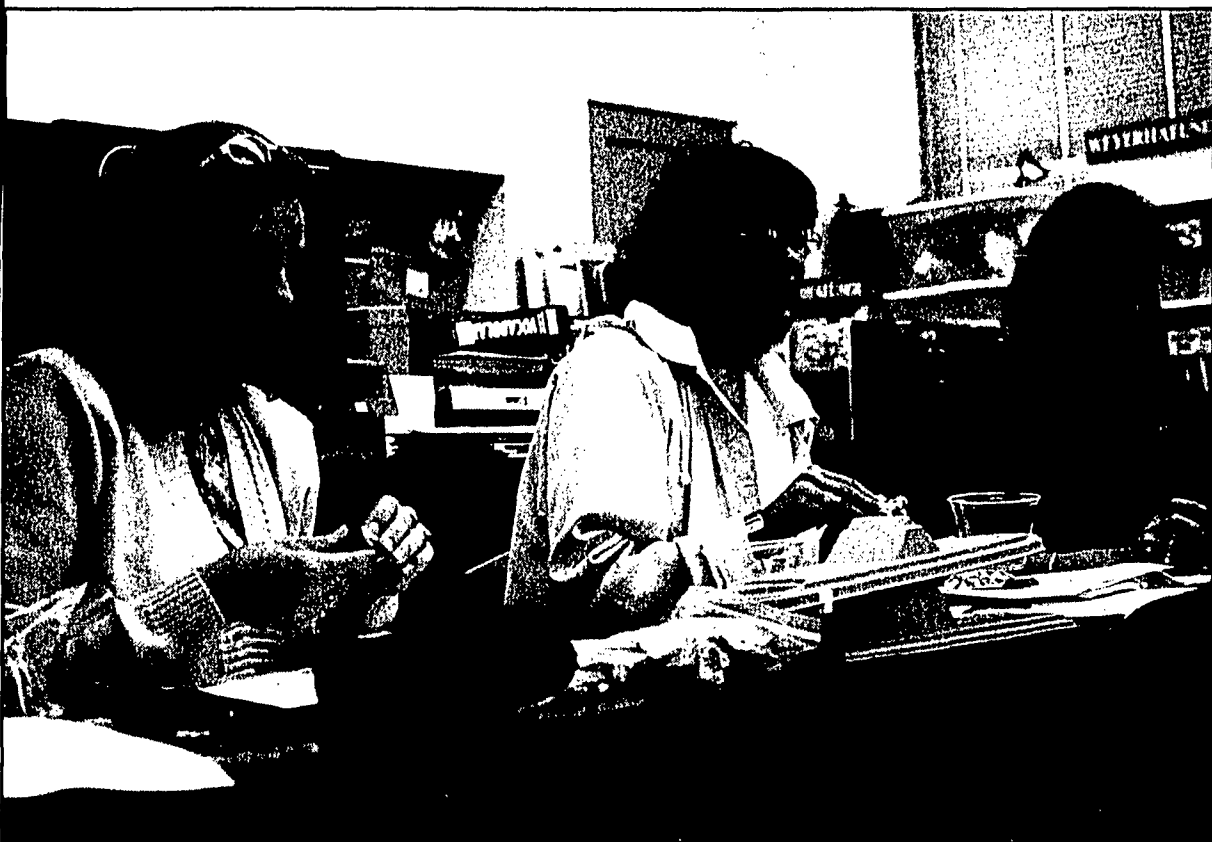
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Teachers from Argentina learn a different method of teaching science from Sherri Strating at Horace Mann Monday. Eleven teachers were invited by President Dean Hubbard to observe American teachers.

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Argentina teachers visit campus

By APRIL WARNEMUNDE
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Several unfamiliar faces have been roaming the Northwest campus while they observe how a United States school system works. Eleven teachers from Argentina were invited to visit Horace Mann Elementary School to make comparisons on teaching styles.

Eight of the women teach grades K-6 and three are principals of elementary schools. All of the women have taught between 10-25 years, and teach in Tucuman, Argentina. They were invited by President Dean Hubbard to Northwest.

The teachers were able to visit because of the way their breaks are in their school. Because Argentina is in the Southern hemisphere, they are on winter break, much like the U.S.'s Christmas break. They have two weeks off in the winter, two days off for Easter, and unlike Horace Mann, they have all summer off as well.

They will visit with Horace Mann

teachers and exchange teaching techniques that could be utilized by both countries. They have also been touring Northwest and comparing a college system here to those in Argentina.

Susana Stein and Silvia Perez were the two spokeswomen for the teachers. Stein is a kindergarten principal and Perez is an English as a Second Language coordinator for their schools. They both mentioned the teaching methodology was about the same in both countries.

"You have more resources than us, but we have a different schedule, Stein said. "We have more breaks during the day, and we ring a bell to go out, you don't."

Schools in Tucuman run differently than the United States because the classrooms are used for different classes everyday. So instead of a student having something as a cubbyhole for their daily work, they take everything home daily. They also have one folder for every subject, unlike the United

States where students hold many subjects in one notebook.

Seeing how other schools are run is a benefit to any teacher because different ideas of teaching are found in every educator. The Argentina teachers agree it is well worth a visit to any school to see how different and similar approaches of teaching are.

"Always with a teacher you will learn new things and methodology. Here, they are very kind and open-minded," Stein said.

Stein believes that the idea is to start a contact and that maybe someday we can exchange students from Argentina to Horace Mann.

"The technology is very different here, of course, and in Argentina, you don't have to pay to go to public colleges. Our colleges are also a lot bigger and spread across the city," Perez said. "They treat us very well here, and we really appreciate the visit."

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University, community's teamwork earns second Communitree award

By T. JUSTIN ROSS
CHIEF REPORTER

The Missouri Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council has chosen Northwest to receive the Communitree Award for the second consecutive year.

The project which earned Northwest the award was a combined effort between the City of Maryville, the Missouri Department of Transportation and the University.

The Cooperative Bypass Enhancement Project landscaped the northwest and southwest sides of the intersection of U.S. Highways 71 and 136.

The landscaping includes 36 trees, 102 shrubs and thousands of perennial flowering plants.

Out of 44 applications received from around the state, the MUCFAC gave out four awards for four categories. Northwest won the organization category award.

Last year Northwest received another Communitree award for its

comprehensive tree maintenance of the campus as the state Arboretum, an honor Northwest has had since 1993.

"Most of the awards go to larger cities," said Lezlee Johnson, Arboretum coordinator at Northwest. "For us to win this prestigious award two years in a row from a rural setting is quite an accomplishment."

Johnson said the partnership was a key element in the project's success.

"This project really showcases the capabilities of our landscape services staff and our ability to partner with other organizations to meet a community need," Johnson said. "And if you took one of the partners out, we wouldn't have been able to make it work."

Northwest provided the design and maintenance plan for the project. Syd Weybrew, Northwest's ornamental specialist, developed the plan and oversaw the planting

while he and many other Northwest employees provided the majority of the labor for the actual plant installation.

The City of Maryville provided \$5,169 as the yard-match for the MoDOT cost-share program. The city also provided waterlines and hydrants, part of the labor, mulch and administered bids and completed paperwork for the project.

MoDOT reviewed and approved all plans and administered the federal cost-share program that provided \$20,600, or 80 percent, of the enhancement funds for the project.

"It was a good opportunity for all of the organizations involved," Johnson said. "For many years the city of Maryville has wanted to improve the city's entrances, and now through the cooperation of all of these partners, we've achieved the first phase of this goal."

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Alumni summer reunion scheduled for weekend

By MARJIE KOSMAN
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Graduates of the 1970s will be returning Saturday to a campus with no anti-war protests or demonstrations, new and renovated buildings and a whole new generation of Bearcats.

The Alumni Reunion Summer Bash 2001 will begin at noon at the Alumni House with registration followed by lunch.

The reunion is celebrating the decade of the 70's, but is open to all alumni and friends of Northwest, Mike Johnson, director of Alumni Relations, said.

"We thought summer would be a good time to get everybody together," Johnson said. "This could be the start of something that can be done every year."

1976 graduate Mike Seipel, who was planning his class's 25th reunion, mentioned the idea for a reunion that included all classes.

"He had really great ideas for a reunion for everybody," Johnson said. "Over a series of conference calls with a band of volunteers he got together, we came up with the idea for this summer bash."

The celebration will feature campus and community tours, a car show, an awards ceremony, a

barbecue dinner, and a concert and dance by an all-alumni rock and roll band, Duane Dick and the Jive Five.

The band will perform on a stage behind the Alumni House that has also been used by the Dorsey Brothers and Count Bassie. The band's performance will include an entrance reminiscent of their 70's show.

Most of the members of the band were also members of Phi Sigma Epsilon. The fraternity sponsored a Battle of the Bands contest in the '70s. Duane Dick and the Jive Five decided to add a little flair to their show on the night of the contest. They entered the National Guard Armory, where the contest was held, in a Cadillac. They won the contest and will revive the unusual entrance 20 years later.

The concert begins at 6 p.m. and is open to everyone. A \$10 cover will be charged.

Former students will not be the only people returning to Maryville. Faculty and administration will also be making an appearance.

"When we first started planning this, I thought what are they going to be asking about," Johnson said. "Of course, they are going to want to see how the campus and community has changed, but they're

also going to ask 'What ever happened to my old history professor? Or where is so and so?' The worst thing would be to say they're right over there on Munn Street. We would just be missing the boat if we didn't invite them to come and they are really excited they're going to be here."

Former University president Robert Foster will also be in attendance.

"He was the type of president that the students were always talking to," Johnson said. "He had a very open-door policy. To have someone with that kind of affection for his students just brings more to the experience."

Bringing alumni together is the main goal of the reunion, Johnson said.

"Our mission is to connect any former alumni, friends and future alumni to the goings-on of their alma mater," he said.

All reunion events will be held at the Alumni House, and although heat is a concern, Johnson said they are prepared.

"We're setting up tents outside and the house will be open," he said.

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Camp helps students with band skills

By BRADLEY NANNEMAN
CHIEF REPORTER

High school students from Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska marched on the Northwest campus Wednesday.

However, they were not doing so in protest. Nearly 195 students arrived for the annual Marching Auxiliary Camp.

The camp will go until noon Saturday and end with an awards ceremony.

For 18 years, Northwest has provided a location for the Dallas-based Marching Auxiliary Company to teach and inspire drum majors, dancers, baton twirlers and color guard teams.

Assistant Professor Al Sergel is responsible for bringing the camp to Northwest and has acted as the liaison for the past 18 years.

"We (Northwest) host it because of quality," Sergel said.

Sergel said that the Marching Auxiliary camp is successful because of top-notch instruction.

"They provide a lot of incentives through awards," Sergel said.

Sergel said the company enhances students abilities in band-related activities through inspiration and motivation.

The company handles all registration and financial issues for the students who attend. The University provides housing and accommodations for the students. The campers will be staying in Millikan and Dieterich high-rises.

Leading the camp is Miami native, now of Dallas, Michael Long. Long, with 20 other staff professionals from Texas, South Carolina, Florida and Kentucky kicked off the ceremony with a routine to motivate the campers.

"I like seeing the kids' faces," Long said. "I have always liked help-



PHOTO BY MARJIE KOSMAN/EDITOR IN CHIEF
Campers at the Marching Auxiliary Camp practice slams on their first day. The camp taught students the basics before learning a routine to perform at the end of camp.

ing people."

The staff will be helping to form routines and techniques for campers' hometown high school performances.

Long said his favorite part of the camp is seeing the performances on the last day.

Before coming to Northwest 18 years ago, Sergel worked with the owners of the company, Mike and Donna Mastandreti, in Fort Worth, Texas.

The Mastandretis started the

camp 20 years ago. The couple is also responsible for starting the Brain Bowl in Texas.

Mike Mastandreti was recently a contestant on the show The Weakest Link.

"Mike is a real trivia nut," Sergel said.

Sergel said that he has heard no complaints from the students who have attended. He says the camp will continue for years to come.

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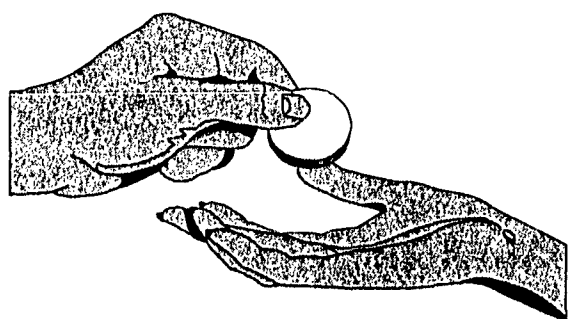
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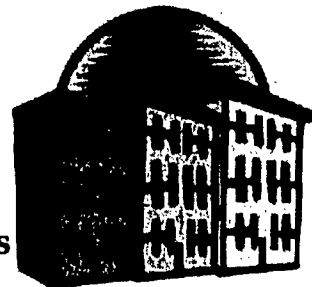
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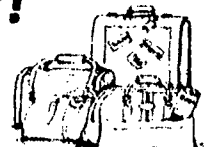
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Reeves announces retirement

By MISSOURIAN STAFF

Northwest Assistant Director of Athletics Sherri Reeves has announced her retirement.

Reeves has been at Northwest for 32 years, starting as a physical education instructor. She was the first-ever women's basketball coach at Northwest, putting together a 61-51 record over four seasons, including an MIAAW conference championship. She was named assistant director in 1976 and has served in that capacity ever since.

According to Reeves, her family played a big part in her decision to retire.

"I just need more time to spend with my immediate family," Reeves said. "My son and his family moved to New York a few months ago. My mother is 91 years old and I want to have more time to spend with her as well."

Reeves is proud of her many accomplishments in the field of women's athletics.

"The women's program at Northwest has gone from no scholarships, a meager budget and no full-time coaches to where we are today," she said.

"I hope that I've helped the

"The people here are great to work with. The staff and faculty all have pride in Northwest. And you can't beat the kids."

SHERRI REEVES
ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

growth and development of the woman's program. We built a new softball field on campus and added a new program with women's soccer. In 1973, the state asked me to be the new director for the first-ever girls' basketball state championship for the state of Missouri. So we hosted that first tournament at Northwest. I am proud of all those things and so much more."

Northwest Athletic Director Bob Boeright said he will miss Reeves, despite only having worked with her for a few months.

"After 32 years, obviously she has left a lifetime and a legacy of contributions," Boeright said.

"We're going to miss her experience and her wisdom. I have a great respect for her decision to retire at this time and wish her the best."

Reeves said above all the people at Northwest made her time worthwhile.

"It has been great being here," Reeves said. "I loved coaching basketball. I loved working with all the sports. The people here are great to work with. The staff and faculty all have pride in Northwest. And you can't beat the kids. The student-athletes are what it's all about. This is a great place for them. Everyone just works for the common good here."

Reeves mentioned the three directors of athletics she has worked with specifically, when talking about her co-workers.

"Jim (Redd) was great to work with," she said. "Dick (Flanagan) was a character, but I really enjoy working with him. I regret that I won't have longer to work with Dr. Boeright. I'm sure he's going to do a great job. The two months I've worked with him have been enjoyable."

Reeves' retirement will be effective Sept. 1.

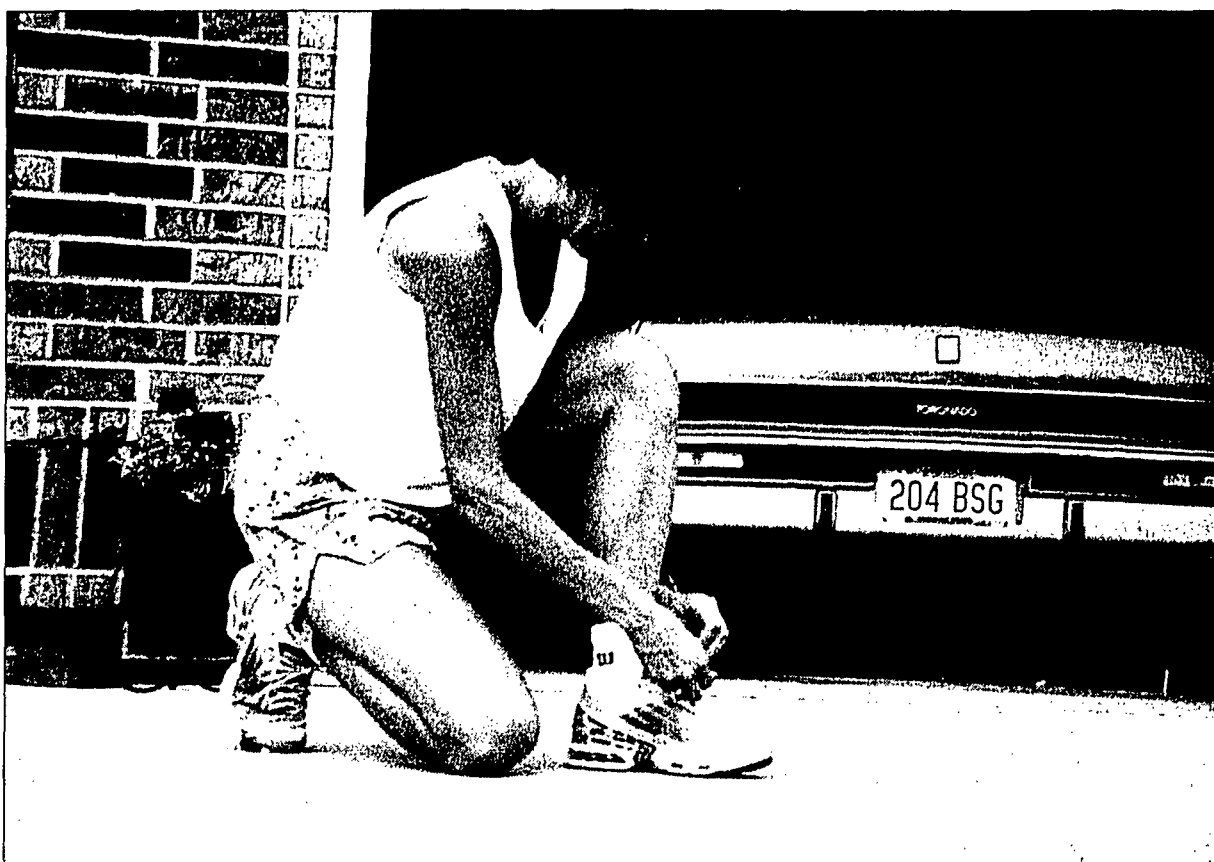


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Joanne Shipp, winner of the Ninth Annual Nodaway County Fair Days 5K Run/Walk's Overall Ladies' Division, prepares to defend her title at this year's race. The run/walk will begin at 8 a.m. Sunday in front of the National Guard Armory.

K. C. Chiefs sign two new players

By SCOTT PHILLIPS
SPORTS EDITOR

The Kansas City Chiefs have announced the signing of wide receiver Derrick Mayes and cornerback Corey Harris.



DERRICK MAYES
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Mayes, the second-round draft pick of Green Bay in 1996, has signed a one-year contract with the club.

He is entering his sixth season after spending the last two years with Seattle. He has seen action in 57 games (32 starts) catching 145 passes for 2,000 yards and 16 touchdowns. He has also returned 15 punts for 150 yards.

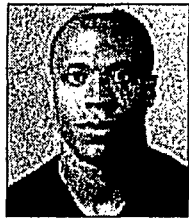
Mayes followed his coach from Green Bay, Mike Holmgren, to Seattle where he posted his best career in '99, joining Steve Largent, Daryl Turner and Joey Galloway as the only players in Seahawk history to catch 10 touchdowns in a single season.

In college, Mayes earned All-American honors at Notre Dame by becoming second on the Fighting Irish's career charts with 2,512 receiving yards and 22 touchdowns and fifth with 129 receptions.

Harris, upon entering his third year in the NFL, has agreed to a two-year contract with the Chiefs.

He played his first two years of college at The Citadel, but then transferred to the University of North Alabama for his junior and senior years. At North Alabama he developed into one of the top returners in school history by averaging 34.9 yards per interception return.

He played with the Rhein Fire of NFL Europe this spring, collecting 40 tackles, seven passes defended and two interceptions.



COREY HARRIS
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

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Fair Days walk returns

By SCOTT PHILLIPS
SPORTS EDITOR

This Sunday, the 10th Annual Nodaway County Fair Days 5K Run/Walk will take place on the Northwest campus.

Those wishing to participate in the race can do so by registering in the Conference Center at Northwest between 7 and 8 a.m. Sunday.

The charge for entering is \$18, which covers a commemorative shirt and a pancake breakfast directly after the race. An awards ceremony for the winners of each

age bracket will then follow the breakfast.

The age groups start at 12 and under and then proceed by increments of four until the 65 and up category.

The overall winners of the male and female categories will receive a trophy. Winners of each age group category will get a medal; the top three in each age category will receive a ribbon. All awards will be distributed following the pancake breakfast.

In the past, the race began by the baseball field on campus, but

because of construction, this year's race will begin in front of the National Guard Armory.

The contestants will travel to 16th Street and continue around the University until finishing at the armory.

Last year's winner on the male side was Don Ferree with a time of 16:45 and on the female side it was Joanne Shipp with a time of 19:30.

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Top prep women's hoops players, college coaches attend Adidas basketball camp

By KENNETH PAUL
THE PITT NEWS (U. PITTSBURGH)

(U-WIRE) - Tennessee's Pat Summit and approximately 300 other Division I women's basketball coaches are focused on the Fitzgerald Field House for the next week as Adidas and the All-Star Girls Report are putting on the Adidas Top Ten Girls' All-American Basketball Camp.

The invitation-only camp attracts the top 220 female scholastic players in the nation. Though only in its second year, it is already giving the Nike camp strong competition with respect to recruitment.

Mike White of Monroeville, who is the president, author and publisher of the All-Star Girls Report, got the camp started along with head scout Brett McCormick.

"There were so many girls that weren't getting into the Nike camp, so we decided to start this camp," McCormick said.

McCormick is the scouting director for the camp and he travels around the nation in search of the

top 220 girls.

Rick Kabellis, a friend of White, is a high school coach from Chicago who also serves as a coach during the camp. The 220 girls are split up into 16 teams that share the names of current WNBA teams. Kabellis coaches the Shock, a team that features Tyesha Fluker.

Fluker, who stands 6-foot-4 and weighs 190 pounds, is one of more than 30 girls who have already committed to a school. Fluker will go to Tennessee after this season and is said by several scouts to be the top low-post player in next year's class.

Fluker was not the only top recruit there. McCormick said that Erlana Larking and Erika Arriaran are also going to be impact players. Arriaran will be a freshman in high school next year, while Larking will be a sophomore.

Another soon-to-be sophomore, Sade Wiley-Gatewood, already committed to Tennessee.

"Last year I signed four kids from this camp and we had a Top 25 recruiting class," South Florida coach

Jose Fernandez said. "We're looking to sign four more this year for another top class."

According to Ohio State assistant Mike Kuskin, the game is becoming more physical and quicker and now that the girls can look forward to the WNBA after their college career is over.

Pittsburgh head coach Tracy Waites was also in attendance. She noted that it was an advantage having the camp in her own backyard.

"We definitely would like to land one or two recruits from this camp," Waites said.

"It's great exposure for our campus and for a whole week they can get a feel for what we have to offer. There might be kids that weren't initially interested in Pitt that might have a change of mind after their arrival," she said.

Twenty Adidas Top Ten Camp MVPs will be selected to play in the Adidas Top Ten Camp All-Star game. The game takes place Thursday night at the Field House. The camp runs through Saturday.

Olympic committee visits Houston

By KEN FOUNTAIN
THE DAILY COUGAR (U. HOUSTON)

(U-WIRE) - Members of the U.S. Olympic Committee toured Robertson Stadium and the University of Houston Athletic/Alumni Center Tuesday as part of its four-day visit to Houston. The city's civic leaders have launched a full-court press to have Houston chosen as the site of the 2012 Summer Olympic Games.

Houston is one of eight U.S. cities vying to be chosen by the USOC as the American city bidding for the Games. The others are New York; Los Angeles; Dallas; Cincinnati; San Francisco; Tampa, Fla.; and Washington, D.C.

If Houston is ultimately selected, plans call for the area bound by Cullen Boulevard, Scott Street, Elgin Street and Interstate 45 to become the "Olympic Village," where the competitors would be housed. The UH athletic facilities would serve as practice facilities, and possibly hold the pentathlon, volleyball and equestrian events, according to Associate Athletic Director Jeffrey Davis.

The members of the Site Evaluation Team, escorted by Chairman Susan Bandy and President George DeMontand III of the Houston 2012 foundation, arrived from

Enron Field in two buses around 4:20 p.m., 20 minutes after their scheduled arrival time.

With the humid air and threatening storm clouds, the tour stopped only briefly at the newly refurbished Robertson Stadium before shuttling to the air-conditioned comfort of the Athletic/Alumni Center.

The center, built in 1995 with a \$29.1 million gift from UH benefactors John and Rebecca Moores, houses state-of-the-art indoor and outdoor fields, tennis courts, a sports medicine center and a strength-and-conditioning center.

The USOC uses about 18 criteria areas when selecting a city, said Robert Condon, its director of media services. Among them are: competition venues, practice sites, the Village site, transportation (everything from airports to taxi availability) and financing.

Condon, who has been with the committee for 18 years, said that one advantage in Houston's favor is the concentration of its venues, which are all located within Loop 610.

He noted that Houston, and UH, was the site of the 1986 U.S. Olympic Festival, and that there have been many changes in the city and the campus since then.

"A lot of things are happening in this area that are good, Olympic-wise," Condon said.

Condon said that it was still too early to tell how Houston will stack up against the other seven cities.

"But as far as an overall bid on its own, it's excellent," he said.

Condon said that after the committee visits the last of the cities in August, it may begin paring down the list sometime between October and April 2002. The final selection will be made in the fall of 2002.

"And then for three years we'll campaign internationally" before the International Olympic Committee makes the final selection in 2005, he said.

Condon added that, following last week's selection by the IOC of Beijing, China, for the 2008 Olympics, a U.S. city stands a good chance for the next selection.

"The Games basically need to come back on a regular basis. Most of the money for the (Olympic) movement, or a lot of it anyway, is from the United States," he said.

He noted that Atlanta held the 1996 Summer Olympics, and the 2002 Winter Games will be held in Salt Lake City. "So 2012 isn't out of reach. There'll be a lot of cities bidding for it, but we feel we've got eight of them that can hold up."

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Your Man fearful of fairs

Ladies and Gentlemen, boys and girls, people of all ages, the Nodaway County Fair is here. I know you probably can't control yourself. I'm sure you've been looking forward to this weekend since the last fair. This is the highlight of your year, this is what you live for. You just can't get enough of the Nodaway County Fair.

Well, I'm sorry to say, but Your Man isn't going to be in attendance this year. I had no idea Maryville even had a fair, but when I found out, I became frightened. Something about putting 10,000 townies in a 500-yard radius just freaks me out. I'd go crazy just knowing I was surrounded by people that pride themselves on livestock and Little Miss Nodaway...may the best cow win.

The last time I attended a fair was in kindergarten. My dad took me, along with my younger siblings, to the local fair. He thought it



THE STROLLER

would be a funny joke to tell us we were going to Worlds of Fun. I was young and gullible, and it seemed believable at the time. But, things got worse from there. The next year he really took us to Worlds of Fun, but, since we had already been there in our minds, he told us we were at Disney World. I thought it was strange that all the Disney characters were missing, so I asked him, 'Dad, where is Mickey Mouse and

Donald Duck?' He replied, 'They get the weekends off.' I was six years old, it seemed logical at the time. Well, that is where things stopped. We never did really take the trip to Disney World, I guess because my dad couldn't think of anything to top it.

I've never been able to forgive my dad for the horrible, life-changing joke he played on me. I've never been to a fair again, and just thinking about it brings back bad memories of riding the cheap carnival-like rides, and my dad telling me I was on the Orient Express.

So, everyone enjoy your fair, I should probably make an appearance, but I'm sure my Fairaphobia would kick in and I'd start having panic attacks. Eat a funnel cake for me.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

Entertainment Reviews

The Score delivers quality acting, lacks strong script

By Scott Simon
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The Score takes us back to the time when movies were pure, when they truly were entertainment. There were no big special effects, there was no flashy, shallow MTV-style cinematography, and there was no gratuitous violence. It was just about the high-tech gizmos used, this film could have easily passed for something out of the late 1940s, and I guess that is what I liked most about it.

The film stars Robert De Niro who plays experienced thief and jazz club owner Nick Wells. Nick is ready to retire from crime and settle down with his girlfriend, Diane (Annette Bening), but he still has several debts hanging over his head that he would like to extinguish first. A long-time friend and Montreal crime boss named Max (Marlon Brando) approaches Nick with what appears to be an easy opportunity to score a large sum of money. Max has received information that a priceless artifact is being stored in the Montreal Custom

House, and is not heavily guarded. Jack (Edward Norton) who has acquired a job as a janitor in the Custom House, is Max's contact on the inside. To hide his identity, he has assumed the name of "Brian" and he also convincingly pretends to be mentally handicapped in order for his co-workers to let their guards down. Reluctant, Nick agrees to do the heist, and he builds their plan around the information that Jack feeds him.

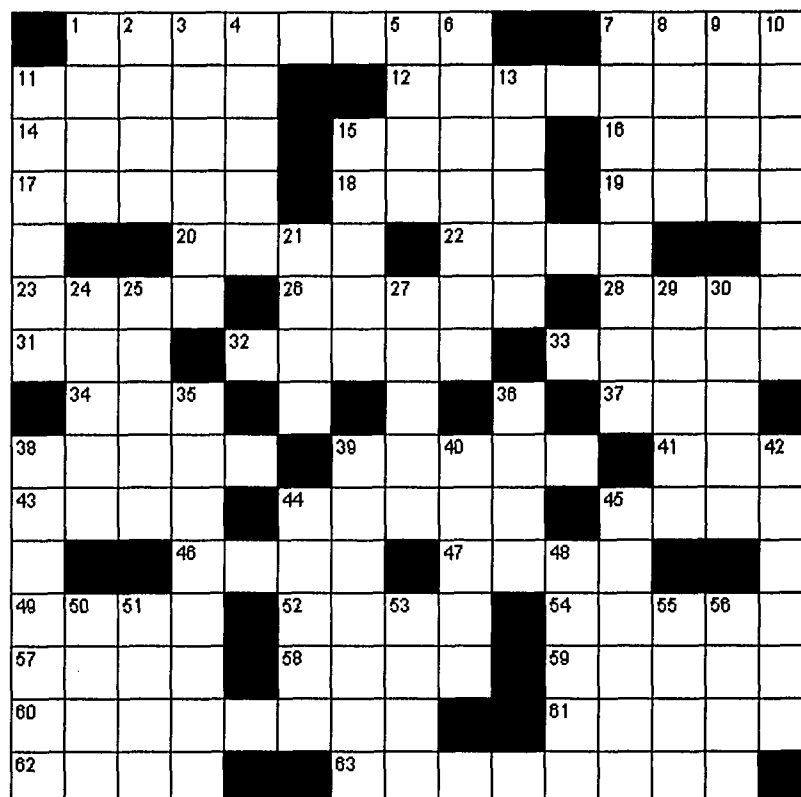
The film does take a couple of sharp twists and turns, so, I am hesitant to reveal much more but, overall, *The Score* is a very simple movie. It does not try to lose us; it moves gracefully and deliberately as it builds to a conclusion. As can be expected, the acting is top notch. There are no standout performances, but they are what they needed to be. The film's director, Frank Oz, who is best known for his work with "The Muppets" and comedies such as *Bowfinger*, shows he knows how to handle suspense and drama also.

The main weak link of the film

comes in its script. The story is rather trite and full of clichés, and the Angela Bassett character is so far underdeveloped that I questioned whether the story even needed her at all. The ending also occurred somewhat abruptly and left me trying to fill in some of the plot holes without any real idea of how to do it. With "lesser actors," the film would not have worked and would have sunk into the monotonous oblivion that most poorly written films do, but the cast is able to fill in the missing pieces and steer it back into the light.

The Score's major achievement is that it doesn't contain any car chase sequences, any large explosion, or any splattered blood, and it still manages to be a taut suspense thriller. In today's society, that is an accomplishment in itself. *The Score* is nothing more than a good old-fashioned heist flick and that is why it should be appreciated. Go see this film and enjoy it for what it is and also for what it isn't.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD



3. Termination
4. Farm birds
5. Smack
6. Somebody
7. Resident of Paris
8. Individual retirement accounts
9. Indication
10. Lodging houses
11. Superior of a convent
13. Trials
15. Mortal
21. Oceans
24. Desert region in S Israel
25. Sharp
27. Rustic
29. Melts
30. Trademark
35. Word for word
36. Beat up
38. Advantage
39. Without any flaws
40. — John, rock star
42. Ass
44. Silhouette
45. Vent
48. River in Missouri
50. Solitary
51. Sodium carbonate
53. Roster
55. Site of the Taj Mahal
56. Thrashes

Across

1. Monocle
7. Exclamation of mild contempt
11. Female given name
12. Man who obsessively seduces women
14. Part of an ice skate
15. Renown
16. Torn clothing
17. Fundamental principle
18. Monkeys
19. Is not
20. Resting place
22. — Redding, singer
23. Obstacle
26. Merits
28. It will
31. Not sweet
32. Worth
33. Decorative ditches
34. Governor
37. Arrest

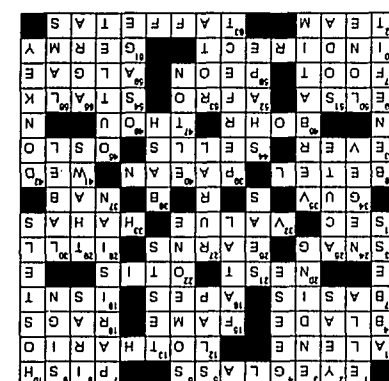
Down

38. East Indian pepper plant
39. Hymn of praise
41. Marry
43. All time
44. Vends
45. Capital of Norway
46. Niels ?, Danish scientist
47. Old you
49. "Born Free" lioness
52. Thickly curled hairdo
54. Stem
57. 12 inches
58. Unskilled laborer
59. Pond scum
60. Devious
61. Full of germs
62. Side
63. Crisp smooth lustrous fabrics

Down

1. Singer Fitzgerald
2. Agreements

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Family reunions provide time to catch up, have fun and rediscover your roots

By SARA SITZMAN
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With any family function, food

Reunions can be elaborate or simple. While planning is helpful, the importance is in the people.



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By MARJIE KOSMAN
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The weekend usually ends with the family attending mass

"Start early," she advised. "I try to plan something everyone will enjoy. I anticipate seeing everyone and hope they enjoy it."

desired.



To a child, playtime is a rehearsal for the real life they will one day inherit from us. To grow, a child's imagination needs time away from structure, expectations and competition. Encourage the development of curiosity. Nurture the inquisitive child. Love that part of your child that longs to daydream.

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